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USIAEA. BRUSSELS ALSO FOR USEEC. PARIS ALSO FOR OECD.

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: IAEA, PARM, TECH, AS

SUBJ: PRELIMINARY AUSTRALIAN VIEW ON INFCE/TCC

REF: VIENNA 10675

1. FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, ROY FERNANDEZ (FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, NUCLEAR AFFAIRS DIVISION, DFA), ONE OF THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATES TO THE INFCE/TCC MEETING IN VIENNA DECEMBER 12-13, GAVE US THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS IN THE COURSE OF A CONVERSATION AT DFA ON OTHER AFFAIRS.

2. HE SAID THE AUSTRALIAN SIDE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE ATTITUDE IT FOUND IN VIENNA. A LOT OF HIS PREVIOUS CONCERN THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PROD AND POKE SUCH A DISPARATE GAGGLE OF PARTICIPANTS TOWARD COMMON SOLUTIONS TO COMMON PROBLEMS HAD DISSOLVED. EACH OF THE PARTICIPANTS HAS ITS OWN REASONS FOR WANTING THE INFCE/TCC TO SUCCEED(FRANCE, FOR EXAMPLE, WANTS TO GET REPROCESSING BACK ON THE TRACKS; THE FILIPINOS WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S IN IT FOR THE LDC'S; THE SWISS ARE INCREASINGLY INTERESTED IN THE LONG TERM COSTS TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH FUTURE EXPLOITATION OF NUCLEAR POWER, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF ESCALATING COSTS OF SECURITY FOR URANIUM SHIPMENTS, REPROCESSING, PREVENTION OF PROLIFERATION, ETC.). ACCORDING TO FERNANDEZ, THE AUSTRALIANS BELIEVE THAT THE INFCE HAS A GOOD DEAL OF BUILT-IN MOMENTUM, AND CAN BE COUNTED UPON TO GENERATE SUFFICIENT INTEREST AMONG PARTICIPANTS  
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THAT THERE NEEDN'T BE ANY REAL CONCERN ABOUT A CONSTANT EFFORT TO KEEP IT GOING.

3. FERNANDEZ NOTED, RE THE "CHAIRMANSHIP", AUSTRALIA'S SATISFACTION AT THE CRDITABLE JOB CHAYES HAD DONE, AND VOLUNTEERED THE THOUGHT THAT CHAYES MIGHT WELL SIMPLY BE LEFT IN HE CHAIRMANSHIP FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE -- PERHAS AS LONG AS A YEAR OR MORE.

4. WE EXPECT TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A FULLER DEBRIEFING AFTER THE HOLIDAYS, AND WILL REPORT FURTHER AT THAT TIME.  
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